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Mrs. Eleanor Dulles, sister of the Secretary of State, cuts the grass at her Virginia home. A State Department expert on Berlin, she has always used her maiden name professionally. Her husband, David Blondheim, a Johns Hopkins University philologist, died in 1934.



Author of several books on economic subjects, she also writes articles on international monetary questions.

The Unknown Dulles

By LARRY STEVENS

FROM TAIWAN to Timbuktu, practically everyone has heard of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and maybe half have had a chance to see him. Fewer people know that his brother, Allen Welsh Dulles, is head of the hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency. But few indeed know of the other member of the family in Government service, Mrs. Eleanor Lansing Dulles, a State Department expert on the problems and affairs of the divided city of Berlin.

Though younger than her celebrated brothers, Eleanor has spent more time in Government service than either of them. Trained as an economist, she has written copiously on subjects like international monetary inflation, war reparations, and postwar reconstruction. A teacher when not engaged in economic research, she held an assistant professorship for a number of years at Bryn Mawr, her alma mater, where she

also picked up a Phi Beta Kappa key in undergraduate days. Entering Government service in 1936, she worked in several different departments before settling on State.

Inconspicuous as a public servant, Mrs. Dulles whirlwinds through her working and leisure time with an energy and vitality that remind people of her globe-girdling brother, John Foster. Every morning from early spring until late in November she starts off her day by taking a dip in the pool at her home in McLean, Va. She puts in an 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. day at her State Department desk, and then frequently attends cocktail parties, more for shop talk than for chitchat. As her own social secretary, she handles all her own appointments, which include seeing her two children, David and Ann Welsh, when they are home from college. Running her household and keeping tabs on her real

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estate interests in Washington, Mrs. Dulles scarcely has the time any more to go for a sail in one of her four small boats. And when State Department business requires her presence overseas, domestic activities come to a complete halt.

Just another State Department employee in her own eyes, Mrs. Dulles thought there might be some question as to her continuation when her brother was appointed Secretary of State. Some said he might be reached through her. While her resignation was considered, nothing came of it, and the question of intrafamily influence has never arisen. During working hours Eleanor scarcely has time to go from her seventh floor office down to John Foster's fifth floor suite. In fact, the Dulles are so busy they seldom see each other.

In her State Department office, Mrs. Dulles discusses the Berlin Conference Hall with her assistant, Jack But-ton (center), and E. E. Ramsaur, Office of German Affairs. Russians accused her of heading a "spy network."



Mrs. Dulles enjoys a pleasant week end with her daughter Ann, a Fine Arts major at Syracuse University. Her son David is at Harvard.



With her housekeeper, Mrs. Aurelia Rotter, Mrs. Dulles plans meals. Mrs. Rotter has been with Mrs. Dulles since the latter's tour of duty in Vienna.



Mrs. Dulles enjoys paddling this German-made kayak or sailing one of her other three boats in Henderson Harbor, N. Y. She and a friend once overturned, but were rescued.



Her brother Allen Welsh Dulles is head of the Central Intelligence Agency. Earlier in his career, he served in the Foreign Service, resigning for private law practice.



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The Secretary of State rarely sees his sister during working hours. They are two floors apart in the State Department.

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